

House Resolution No. 2554

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives enjoy a long, proud tradition of meeting their responsibilities to the citizens of this state while upholding the virtues represented by the “Glory of Missouri”: Knowledge, Liberty, Equality, Law, Justice, Fraternity, Education, Progress, Honor, Truth, Virtue, Temperance, Enterprise, and Charity; and

Whereas, these virtues are engraved in the House Chamber of the State Capitol with the inscription: “All the foregoing human qualities bind into one theme the Glory of Missouri because no people attain these virtues unless they are great.”; and

Whereas, the "Glory of Missouri" virtues were engraved in the early 1920s under the direction of the Decorating Commission, which recognized their relevance and importance to the early Missouri Legislature; and

Whereas, the “Glory of Missouri” Award was created to encourage the values held by the early leaders of Missouri and to recognize those standards as exemplified in our schools and communities by this state’s young people, the future of Missouri; and

Whereas, Merik Burgess, a student at Richland Junior High School, has been selected to receive the “Glory of Missouri” Award for accomplishments in the area of TRUTH as defined by the intent of the Decorating Commission for the Capitol in 1922: "A reflection of every line with strict accuracy" is the way the early Legislature thought of truth. They wrote, "The truth is never complete if only a part of the facts are revealed." In fact, “the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth is the Naked Truth.”:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, unanimously join in commending Merik Burgess for noteworthy achievements in the pursuit of TRUTH, and in extending heartfelt congratulations at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Merik Burgess.

Offered by _____
Representative David Day
District No. 148

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2554, adopted April 24, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker